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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Michael E. Stead, Railroad Safety Program Administrator

DATE: March 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the City of East St. Louis, and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation.

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety at the Ridge Avenue and St. Clair Avenue highway-rail grade crossings of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's track in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois, designated as crossings AAR/DOT #724 543S, railroad milepost 0.81-VC and AAR/DOT #724 541D, railroad milepost 1.40-VC, respectively.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Supplemental Order granting time extension.

On April 7, 2010, the Commission entered its original Order in the above captioned matter. East St. Louis (City) and Norfolk Southern (NS) were required to make safety improvements at the Ridge Avenue and St. Clair Avenue grade crossings in East St. Louis, St. Clair County. All work was to be completed on or before April 7, 2011. On November 17, 2010, the City reported that its required work was in progress and soon to be completed. On December 3, 2010, Staff confirmed by inspection that the City's required improvements were completed.

On March 14, 2011, NS filed a Petition requesting an extension of time, to and including July 31, 2011, for completion of the required warning device improvements. The Petition states that the required signal installation work at St. Clair Avenue has been completed, but that unforeseen delays have been encountered at Ridge Avenue relating to the relocation of Ameren's utility pole(s). The relocation is necessary for the proper placement of the cantilever signal foundation. Ameren and NS representatives recently met on March 3, 2011. At that time, Ameren indicated that the relocation of the pole(s) would be completed approximately eight (8) weeks from that date. The requested completion date, July 31, 2011, would allow time for the relocation of the pole(s) and completion of the required warning device improvements at Ridge Avenue.

Staff of the Rail Safety Section has reviewed the Petition and believes that it is fair and reasonable to grant NS additional time, to and including July 31, 2011, to complete the work required of it by the Commission in this docket. I recommend entry of the attached Supplemental Order.

Attachment
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